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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application of:

Faul, J.L., Nishimura, T., Kao, P.N., and Pearl, R.G.

Title: IMPLANTABLE ARTERIO-VENOUS SHUNT DEVICE

Serial No.: 10/820,169
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Examiner: DEAK, Leslie R.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office action mailed 27th September, 2006. This response is timely filed.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3)-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Communication, dated 27th September, 2006, such extension allowing the undersigned until March 27, 2007 to respond.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.

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